

Messenger

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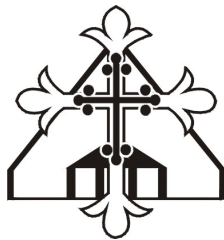
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Rev. Arturo Mendez



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First things first, as we begin anew our English as Second Language classes, let us pray that our good and gracious Lord would bless this outreach opportunity. Let us pray for our members that have volunteered to help that God would give them whatever they need to bear witness of their faith in Him. Let us pray for Pastor Mendez as he uses these opportunities to share the Gospel, the good news of salvation to those who may never have heard the good news so that the Holy Spirit might work through His Word to give, strengthen and keep in faith all those who hear. Let us pray that through this outreach our own members might be strengthened, God's Kingdom, especially His church right here at St. Matthew, may be extended, and that praise and glory may be given to His Holy Name. Perhaps in a while, much like in the early 1900s as we had English and German confirmation classes, so now we may have English and Spanish confirmation classes listed on our school walls.

And now, second, the end of October is always special and one of my favorite holidays, that is Reformation Day. So much has been said and can still be said about the Reformation begun by Dr. Martin Luther on Oct. 31, 1517 when he posted his 95 statements (theses) for debate on the town bulletin board, the church door, but suffice it to say that his work, his writings touch not only the church, but also government, education, finances, family and so much more. Certainly we do not believe Martin Luther to be an apostle like one of the twelve, but we can most certainly see God's hand in the life of this one man and how so many others before him help shape his understanding of God's Word so that his work helped bring the church back to a proper understanding of Law and Gospel, Justification and Sanctification, sin and forgiveness. So, indeed we should rejoice and celebrate God's work through the Reformation. This year our celebration will actually be on a Sunday with Matins and a meal. Look for more announcements on our church's celebration on Oct. 31.

God's richest blessing.
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog:
<http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>.



May the Lord Bless you all

I'm so excited to tell you all that we are finally starting ESL classes again. They will be held in our church on Tuesday & Thursdays, what a great joy to serve the Lord and others while sharing with them the good news of salvation. It's a great opportunity to meet new people from our community and present Christ to them. As you all know since COVID hit the world with this pandemic a lot of things have changed, so many people are struggling with this difficult situation and many are losing members of their families. It is bringing a lot of stress and suffering into many of their lives. So what a great opportunity to spend time with them in the ESL Program we offer here at St. Matthew. Let's pray together as a family in Christ to bring the best from Christ to their lives. It's a good time to share with them that peace and understanding surpasses all and we can only find this in Christ our Savior. What a privilege to be a part of this opportunity that the Lord has given to us.

I'm also excited to tell you that we are ready to start the pictorial directory. We are planning on taking pictures here at St. Matthew on Nov. 5th from 4p.m. to 7 p.m. & Nov. 6th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. as well as Nov. 12th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. & Nov. 13th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of our pictorial directory. We are going to have an order form in the Narthex of our church for you to fill out with package and pricing information, what type of package you would like to purchase, as well as your personal information for the directory. The money collected will be for the price of the directory and for helping me as a Worker Priest. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask myself, Pastor Bogs or the secretary of the church.

Blessings to all of you and the Lord our Savior helping us to be His witness to the people.

In Christ,

Rev. Arturo Mendez

Fall Festival



Sunday, October 31, immediately after the worship service

Join in the fun, celebrating with friends, food, and more!

This is a carry in dinner, so dust off those casserole dishes and bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share!
Stay for Games, BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) for decorating*, or just enjoy fellowship!

*BYOP decorating supplies will be provided

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders ~ Jason Christy & David Honerkamp Greeters ~ Shawn & Amanda Goss Ushers ~ Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross Counter ~ Marie Fischer Altar Guild ~ Nancy Baeza & Rose Jackson Acolytes 3 ~ Aaron Montemayor; 10 ~ Mackenzie Gentes; 17 ~ Ruby Montemayor; 24 ~ Noah Montemayor; 31 ~ Ean Cowger, Acolyte & Nathan Cross, Crucifer					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am Fellowship 8:45am Sunday School 10am Divine Service		7pm ESL Classes	10am Romans Bible Class 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class 7pm Psalms Evening Bible Class	10am Bulletin Cutoff 7pm ESL Classes	Office Closed/ Pastor Bogs' Family Day	10am Board of Elders Meeting
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Matins & Meal Reformation Sunday						

Trustees' Report

A/C News

The trustees have designated the A/C fund to replace the South Meeting Room unit. We are currently getting several bids and will update the congregation as soon as all have been submitted. If you choose to give towards this fund please specify St. Matthew Dedicated A/C Fund on the donation.

LED Light Improvement Fund

There is also a fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs to help in reducing our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund."

Holy Days & Holidays in October

October 11th - Columbus Day

October 18th - St. Luke Evangelist

October 23th - St. James, Brother of Jesus & Martyr

October 28st - St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles

October 31nd - Reformation Day

Happy Birthday to You!

10-01 Nancy Arimond
10-01 Brenda Pali
10-02 Korey Clark
10-03 Peg Munson
10-10 Charles Baumgartner
10-14 Becky Reyes
10-15 Kathleen Montemayor
10-16 Marc McIlhany
10-22 Shirley Michka
10-23 Sharol Aikman
10-27 Gary Lawrence
10-29 Nancy Baeza

Baptismal Birthdays

10-01 Sharon Gace
10-06 Emeline Nelson
10-07 Phillip Williamson
10-12 Eugene Meyer
10-12 Steve Nitz
10-14 Virginia Lawrence
10-15 James Pierce
10-15 Mary Pierce
10-21 Edna Ehrhardt
10-22 Pamela Lilley
10-22 Noah Montemayor
10-24 Becky Reyes
10-27 Junah Arimond

Confirmation Anniversaries

10-11 James Pierce
10-11 Mary Pierce
10-14 David Honerkamp
10-15 Vanessa Rivera
10-26 Jane McElroy
10-27 Jack Lutsch
10-29 Pamela Lilley

Wedding Anniversaries

10-02 John & Janis Stayton – 50 years
10-13 Daniel & Christina Cross – 20 years
10-21 Bill & Brenda Pali - 43 years
10-22 Jordan & Ashley Christy - 6 years
10-26 Michael & Jessica Nelson - 8 years
10-27 Bryan & Nicole Poppenhusen - 14 years

Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in **Room #2**. They children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. The **Jr. High through High School** class is led by Pastor Mendez in **Room #3**.



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Adult Bible Classes each Sunday at 8:45 am. **Answers in Genesis** led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Fellowship Hall (gym). And **Galatians** led by Larry Harvey meets in **Room #4**. Please join us. Bring a friend!



Wednesday Mornings

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets at **10:00 am** in **Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Romans**.

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the **Fellowship** where we are studying **Nehemiah**. **The Board of Elders meet following study at 10:00am**.

PRISM — Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings usually take place the **4th Saturday** of the month where we begin with Breakfast and a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. However, since the Covid break we have not met. If you are interested in starting to meet again, please let Tiffany Cowger, Melissa Sindlinger or Gayle Bogs know and watch here for more information.



Those Serving the Lord this Month

Elders

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Acolytes

3 ~ Aaron Montemayor

10 ~ Mackenzie Gentes

17 ~ Ruby Montemayor

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31~Ean Cowger ,acolyte & Nathan Cross,crucifer

Greeters

Shawn & Amanda Goss

Ushers

Robert Sindlinger & Nathan Cross

Counters

Marie Fischer

Altar Guild

Nancy Baeza & Rose Jackson